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Applicant : Shinichiro SUGIHARA *NE*
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For: **VISIBLE-RADIATION ACTIVATING TYPE
PHOTOCATALYST AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME**

February 21, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-36, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein, upon entry of the following new claims 37-76.

--37. (New) A catalyst having activity under the irradiation of a visible light comprising titanium dioxide having stable oxygen defects and exhibiting NO_x oxidation activity under the irradiation of a visible light at least in the wavelength region of from about 400 to 600 nm.